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PETITION TO WITHDRAW FROM ISSUE UNDER 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2)

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition to have the above patent application withdrawn from Issuance.

Although the Issue Fee was paid on December 17, 2004, Applicants have not received an Issue

Notification.

Applicants have become aware of an Office Action in a corresponding foreign application. Since the duty to disclose continues through issuance of a patent under Rule 1.56, Applicants request that this matter be withdrawn from issuance so that the Examiner can properly consider the foreign office action. All of the references cited in the Office Action have been previously cited in Information Disclosure Statements filed for the present application.

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An RCE application along with an IDS citing the foreign office action is being submitted simultaneously to the UPSTO via mail.

If personal contact is deemed necessary for further disposition of this case, please call the undersigned Attorney at 603.668.6560.

A credit card payment form PTO-2038 in the amount of \$130.00 is included herewith to cover the Petition Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

In the event there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees are payable, please charge them (or credit any overpayment) to our Deposit Account No. 50-2121.

Respectfully submitted,

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